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Subject: School Meals Initiative (SMI) - Number of Schools
to Review

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas,
(Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri ED, Montana OPI,
Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

The SMI monitoring guidance specifies that at a minimum, State Agencies (SAs) review one school site for each type of menu planning system that is used in the school district. Although 7 CFR Part 210 does not cite this as a specific requirement, SAs are encouraged to follow the SMI monitoring guidance. It is strongly recommended that SAs conduct one SMI review for each type of menu planning system the School Food Authority (SFA) operates. For example, if the SFA is using Nutrient Standard Menu Planning to plan meals for its elementary schools, and then following Enhanced Food-Based Menu Planning for its middle and/or junior and senior high schools, the SA should conduct at a minimum, two school reviews in the district, one for each type of menu planning system.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

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cc: CO Health, MO Health, MT Health, WY Health